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CONCERNING THE SALE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE STATE

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I am submitting written testimony in support of this legislation.

I moved to CT in 1995 from NYC and currently live in the Town of Weston. I pay CT taxes to live here but make use of few if any State or Town services. I currently own two Tesla EVs as well as a Jeep and a VW Jetta. I plan to sell the Jeep and Jetta soon and I'm currently planning to add Solar to my home.

As a household we are making the transition to sustainable energy usage. The world is at the beginning of the end of the ICE age. Legacy auto, States like California, even countries have declared an end to ICE sales within the next 5-15 years.

Our world is changing fast, yet CT seems anchored to the past. I'm not alone. There are close to 14,000 EVs registered in CT, with the majority Tesla. My neighbors, like myself, had to travel to NY to pick up our new vehicles. It's not just the inconvenience, it's the message our State Leaders are sending to our children, our residents and our country. Entrenched interests run our State. In this new world of EVs, the cars require little maintenance, little reason to return to the dealer. I've had one of my Teslas for over 2 years, the other for a year. There is no comparison to the ownership experience. It's incredible. We should want this for all our neighbors.

We should be making it easier, not more difficult to become an EV owner. Most dealers refuse to sell EVs, even if available. The dealer experience is sub par and not worth protecting. It's time for a change. It's time for CT to be a leader and not a laggard.

Let's go electric.

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Regards,

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